

Title of Study: The National Longitudinal Survey Original Cohorts
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Summary of major aims:

The four groups of men and women in the NLS Original Cohorts were selected because each faced important labor market decisions, which were of special concern to policy makers. At the time samples were drawn, half of the mature women's cohorts and a third of the men as well as three-quarters of both the young men and young women cohorts shared a household with another cohort member. This allows for intergeneration studies such as income and time transfers, economic linkages among family members, and the examination of how family stability affects socioeconomic success. Beginning in 1993, surveys of the mature and young women NLS cohorts have included questions about transfers of time and money to a respondent's parents or to their children. This section was added to collect data on the financial impact aging parents have on their children and to record transfers respondents have received in the form of inheritances. In addition the mature women survey contains a wealth of retirement and pension data.

Study location: United States of America

Start Date:

Interviews began in 1966 for the NLS older men, a group of 5,020 men ages 45-59.
Interviews also began in 1966 for 5,225 young men, ages 14 to 24.
Interviews started in 1967 for the NLS mature women, a group of 5,083 women ages 30 to 44.
In 1968, interviews were initiated with the NLS young women, a cohort of 5,159 women ages 14 to 24.

Sample:

Age range at first data collection:

Older men: 45 to 59 in 1966.
Young men: 14 to 24 in 1966.
Mature women: 30 to 44 in 1967
Young women: 14 to 24 in 1968

Sex ratio at first data collection:

1:1

Types of variables collected:

Alcohol, cigarette, and drug use; aptitude & intelligence scores; crime, delinquency & arrest records; discrimination; income & assets; attitudes; child care; education & school enrollment; family background; household composition; fertility; sexual activity and contraception; fringe benefits; pension benefits & pension plans; social security & disability; transfers of time and money; gender; race; ethnicity; health; geographic residence; job characteristics & satisfaction; labor force status; marital status, transactions & attitudes; occupations; training; wages; and work experience.

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Sample size of cohort (i) at baseline: 8,984 (ii) now: (2001) 7,883

Demographic:	yes
Social:	yes
Physiological	yes
Self-reported health	yes
Health measures	yes
Other data collected	yes
Financial	yes
Cause of death	yes

Access to data:

Download free at: http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

Order data CD (cost is U.S. \$20) http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

In addition, we would appreciate it if you completed the chart below:

Country:	USA	y	Physiological Measures	y	Psychological Measures
Sample Size:	varies	y	Functional Health	y	Cognitive Abilities
Age Group:	14 - 24 30 - 44 45 - 59	n	Lifestyle: Physical Activity	y	Social and Demographic Measures
Gender:	Both	n	Lifestyle: Nutrition	y	Health Services Utilization
# Cohorts:	4	y	Lifestyle: Other		
Total	22	y	Minorities		
Waves:					

FYI: Fill in First Column/ checkmark next two columns. Gender should be M/F/Both